

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the current application. The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Claims 1-2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gordon et al. Claim 3-4 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The drawings have been objected to under 35 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner believes that the "steering element" in claim 1 and the "steering wheel" of claim 5 are not shown by the drawings. The Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to Fig. 2, numeral 34 which shows the steering element as a steering wheel and is further evidenced at page 4, lines 7-11 where the specification states "[b]y interacting with a steering wheel 34 or joystick (not shown) equipped with electronic encoding devices 36, the operator can manipulate EDC 32 which, in turn, controls the closed-circuit pump 14." Consequently, Applicant asserts that the drawings do show all claimed features and respectfully requests that the drawing rejection be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gordon et al. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 3. Consequently, claim 1 is now considered in allowable form. Additionally, because claims 2, 4 and 5 depend on claim 1, claims 2, 4 and 5 are also considered allowable.

Additionally, a new claim 11 has been added that incorporates claim 4 into the previous claim 1 that is

considered allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

Consequently, new claim 11 is considered in allowable form.

Claim 3 has been cancelled and consequently, the remaining claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 11 are all considered in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200. All fees or extensions of time believed to be due in connection with this response are attached hereto; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,



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